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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following paragraph to page 3 between lines 5 and 7:

Fig. 8 is a sectional view showing an embodiment of the roller.

Please replace the paragraph on page 12, lines 1-7, with the following:

Moreover, as shown in Fig. 8, the above described roller 6 may be formed with crownings 50 in a curved shape at both ends thereof. In this case, concentration of the contact face pressure to the edges of the roller 6 at both ends in an axial direction can be further restrained, and the exfoliation life and bending fatigue strength of the region acting as the rolling face of the roller 6 can be enhanced.